

SHOULD BE UPHELD

SECRETARY HITCHCOCK IS IN THE RIGHT.

His Refusal to Revoke Order Withdrawing Indian Lands From Allotment Will Be Indorsed by Democratic Party.

It is evident that those western senators whose constituents have been mixed up in the land frauds and those senators whose togas are not entirely clear of participation are intent on attacking Secretary Hitchcock, who has stood like a lion in the way of the land grafters and Indian plunderers. The immediate cause of conflict is the withdrawal of 4,000,000 acres of Indian lands from allotment which congress has ordered made. The withdrawal order of Secretary Hitchcock is claimed by the special committee of the senate, which has been investigating the citizenship and property rights of the five civilized tribes of Indians, to be a usurpation of authority. But Secretary Hitchcock was evidently unmoved by the threats of the senate committee, when he appeared before them and was requested to explain his reasons for withdrawing the land, which he declined to do.

The outrageous frauds discovered by Secretary Hitchcock in the disposal of the Indian lands would seem to be ample reason for his withdrawing the lands for the time being, until the department could ferret out the frauds. The senate committee thinks otherwise and even intimated impeachment as a threat to make the secretary rescind his order withdrawing the lands. These threats, however, had no effect upon Secretary Hitchcock, who claims he has general control over the affairs of the Indians and the same right to direct the policy to be pursued with reference to their lands that he exercises in directing the policy to be pursued with reference to the public domain.

To those of us who have no interest in the matter, except to see exact justice done, it would seem that the attitude of Secretary Hitchcock is to be commended, for even if he has exceeded his authority and temporarily set aside an act of congress, he has done so to prevent fraud. Fraud violates all contracts, and even an act of congress should be no exception to that most ancient of legal rules.

As Secretary Hitchcock is about the only Republican high official that has shown unflinching honesty he will undoubtedly be upheld by Democrats. But it must also be remembered that the Republican administration of the Indian Territory has been a constant scandal and most of the officials appointed there by the administration have been a disgrace and a constant source of corruption.

Ship-Subsidy Shaky.

Thanks to the opposition of all Democrats and some few Republicans the ship-subsidy bill in the present congress seems "to sleep the sleep that knows no waking." This is rather tough on the steamship trust which has financed the Republican campaign, besides expending more good money on lobbyists and enlightening the public of the extraordinary advantage to the country if it became a law. Voters should remember that every Republican senator, except Burdett, Doolittle, LaFollette and Spooner, voted for the bill or was paired in favor of it and President Roosevelt favored it in his last message to congress.

The bank note circulation increased \$55,000,000 during the past year and has increased over 150 per cent since 1901, all of which the advocates of asset currency seem to overlook in their desire to help Wall street out of the pinch of high interest rates by creating more money without security except the assets of the banks.

A Dangerous Combine.

The rivalry in New York between the Republican factions is so mixed up with railroad and trust domination of the G. O. P. that it becomes of national interest. The frenzied financiers and the politicians have joined hands to control the political destinies of the nation, but there is a contest between the two centralized groups of Wall street for supremacy. On one hand are the Rockefeller-Harriman group, with Odell as the political leader, and these hope to see Fairbanks nominated for president; opposed to them are the Morgan-Vanderbilt group, with Root and his friends expecting to dictate a successor to Platt for United States senator and the control of the delegation to the next national convention. No wonder the voters of New York repudiated both factions at the last election and are looking to the Democracy to preserve them from the corruption and grafting that naturally follows the association of corporations and political leaders.

Petty Grafting.

The Republican machine that runs the state of Connecticut must contain the most consummate set of grafters in the Union. Gov. Woodruff in his inaugural address delivered before the two branches of the state legislature called attention to the big expense to the state for gratuities including those to newspaper men. The item for knives and fountain pens for members of the assembly of the last legislature amounted to \$15,531 and for representatives of the newspapers \$5,400. It must be presumed that there was a big steal in the knife and pen items and probably in many other things and that the graft to the newspaper men was to act as a bribe to prevent exposure. The people of Connecticut, with all their Yankee thrift, are certainly an easy mark for the grafters, which shows that eternal vigilance is the price of low taxes.

Not Pleasant.

Bacon—I see a German scientist asserts that thoughts can be photographed. Egbert—it wouldn't be possible however, to make some of 'em look pleasant.—Yonkers Statesman.

ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT

BUILDING GOOD ROADS

What Oklahoma is Doing to Improve the Highways.

Oklahoma is starting in young with a campaign of education for model roads. Its first legislative body will be given object lesson instruction in practical road building by the National Good Roads association, and both national and state associations will attempt to have inserted in the constitution a clause that will enable the legislature to provide general legislation that will cover the entire state for the purpose of road building.

Good roads meetings were held in Muskogee, December 5 to 7 inclusive for the purpose of starting the new state in with the advantage of all the experience in road building that it has



A Good Road in Construction.

taken 30 years for some of the older states to acquire. The state aid plan will obtain in all the information that the national association has to impart. That is, the present plan is to try to instill into the new state legislation that will provide that the state shall have the authority to pay 50 per cent of the cost of constructing state roads, while the county and abutting property owners shall bear the remaining 50 per cent, at any time that a majority of the property owners petition the road shall be constructed. All construction must be under state supervision.

W. H. Moore, president of the national association, states that it costs from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per mile to construct a macadam road, depending upon the available material. Such a road, when built, is practically indestructible. There is as much road building material in the new state as in the union, and the natural roads are as good as any state has. The duty the national association has set for itself is to first instill into the minds of the people of the new state the necessity and the value of good roads, and then teach them how to construct them. It will endeavor to transmit to the legislative bodies that make the laws of the new state progressive road legislation that has been tried successfully in the older states. All the best legislation will be canvassed and made to apply here.

A KETTLE SUPPORT.

Convenient Contrivance for Use at Butchering Time.

At butchering time and whenever water is to be heated it is a bother to set the kettle or to hang it with chains. A simple hoop with three or four legs, welded on, saves the time and trouble. Any blacksmith will make it for a few cents if you furnish an old cart tire for hoops and legs, says Form and Life. Order the legs the right length to hold the kettle just high enough. It is easily moved then from house to barn, or to a neighbor's.

Heart of the Apple Tree.
It is quite a popular impression that the heart of the apple tree is essential to its well-being. Yet it is known that the heart is but dead wood and plays little part in the life or usefulness of the tree. It helps to keep the tree upright and gives strength to it after the wood that composes the heart has ceased to perform cellular work. The strength given by the heart is valuable when great windstorms sweep over the orchard; for without the hard wood in the center of the tree, it would bend and break. It is often noticed that hearts of apple trees rot out, and the trees go on bearing as if nothing had happened.

Best Distance for Corn.
Two general practices are approved by cultivators of corn. One is to plant the corn three kernels in a hill and have the hills three feet eight inches apart, and the other method is to plant the corn in hills three feet apart each way and have but two stalks to a hill. In either case there are approximately 2,700 stalks to the acre; it will vary about 20 stalks either way. In our experiments at the university we have found that planting in hills three feet apart and with two stalks to the hill gives us about 3 1/2 bushels more corn to the acre than when we plant the other way.—Professor C. G. Hopkins.

The Barnyard.
Mud, manure, and a mixture of both are found during a rainy spell in almost every farmer's barnyard. The cows have the run of the yard and it is no wonder they become filthy. When their bodies are filthy it is next to impossible for the milk to be clean.

Pay the Price.
Good birds cost high. Bear this in mind when purchasing new stock. Good ones are the cheapest in the end.

CHINESE HAD FIRST ZOO.

Institution of Menageries Was Due to Two Incentives.

The Chinese had the first zoo. Menageries are thought to owe their origin partly to the cult of sacred animals and partly to the ambition of rulers to possess specimens of rare and valuable creatures from foreign lands or savage beasts from their own. In the simplest forms zoological gardens were one of the earliest developments of culture, and were familiar to the Chinese, Indians, Greeks, Romans, and pre-Spanish Mexicans in ancient times. The oldest recorded menagerie is Chinese, dating from 1150 B. C. The den of lions kept by Darius, as described in the book of Daniel, is an example of one of those primitive menageries, while the cult of sacred white horses by the ancient Greeks and Romans and that of so-called white elephants in Burma and Siam are instances of a second type. A lion giraffe was received at the menagerie of Schonbrunn as early as 1528.

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POTENT LIQUOR IS SAKE.

Lafacido Hearn's Testimony as to Strength of Japanese Wine.

There is no liquor in the world upon which a man becomes so quickly intoxicated as Japanese sake (rice wine), and yet none of which the effects last so short a time. The intoxication is pleasant as the effect of opium or hashish. It is soft, pleasant, luminous exhilaration, everything becoming brighter, happier, lighter; then you get very sleepy.

At Japanese dinners it is the rule to become slightly exhilarated, but not to drink enough to talk thickly or walk crooked. The ability to drink at banquets requires practice—long practice. There are banquets of many kinds, and the man who is invited to one at which extensive drinking may be expected is careful to start in upon an empty or almost empty stomach. By not eating one can drink a good deal. The cups are very small and of many curious shapes. One may be expected to empty 50. A quart of sake is a good deal; two quarts require iron nerves to stand. But among the Japanese there are wonderful drinkers. At a military officer's banquet a captain offered me a tumbler holding a good pint of sake. I almost fainted at the sight of it, for it was only the first. But a friend said to me: "Only drink a little and pass it back," which I did. Stronger heads emptied cup after cup like water.—Letters of Lafacido Hearn.

Demand for Freight Cars.
With 2,000,000 freight cars in use in this country, the daily cry, the hourly cry is "More cars, more cars!" New cars are put in service almost before the paint on them is dry.

MAY BE COFFEE

That Causes all the Trouble.

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